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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 6 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 70th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

   (a) Third report of the General Committee (A/54/250/Add.2)

   (b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/236 and Add.1)

   (c) Request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 15 (c): note by the Secretary-General (A/54/624)

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/537 and Corr.1) [30]

3. Multilingualism [23]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/478)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.37)

4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization: draft resolution (A/54/L.48) [167]

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3 p.m. 71st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]:

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/54/23 (Parts I-III))

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/337, A/54/119, A/54/219)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.50, A/54/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para.7)

2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/573) [86]

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/574) [87]

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/575) [88]

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/576) [89]

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/577) [90]

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/578) [91]

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/579) [92]

9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/580) [93 and 18]

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/581) [94 and 12]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/582) [95]

12. Question of East Timor: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/583) [96]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/54/584) [18]

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/54/L.50, A/54/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para.7) [18]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania) on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.34 *(item 98 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3 *(item 105)*

3. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.2 *(item 97 (e))*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 3

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [166] (A/54/494 and Corr.1 and A/54/622)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations common system (A/54/30, A/53/688, A/54/434, A/54/483 and A/C.5/54/24))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794 and A/C.5/54/14))

* Following the adjournment of the 42nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4
Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Parts 9 and 10 of the Statute)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 7 of the Statute)

WORKING GROUP ON THE CRIME OF AGGRESSION

Morning*- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND EVIDENCE RELATED TO PART 2 OF THE STATUTE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Preparatory Commission.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Second performance report
3. Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation
4. Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples of self-determination
5. Organizational matters

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultation on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held on Monday, 6 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held on Monday, 6 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 6 December 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Coordination meeting: debt (A/C.2/54/L.2); globalization (A/C.2/54/L.19); financing of development (A/C.2/54/L.38); financing for development (A/C.2/54/L.25); and on all pending issues)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999. On Monday, 6 December, the course will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) will be held on Monday, 6 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 7 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 72nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [24]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/436)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.47)*

2. Operational activities for development of the United Nations system [101 (a)]: follow-up to the World Summit for Children: draft resolution (A/54/L.51)

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [31]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/484)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.38)

4. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/54/L.54)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/54/L.49, A/54/L.53, A/54/L.56, A/54/L.57)

   (c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: draft resolution (A/54/L.22/Rev.1)

   (d) Participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: draft resolution (A/54/L.34/Rev.1)

5. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [47]:

   (a) Draft resolution (A/54/L.27)

   (b) Report of the Fifth Committee *

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* To be issued.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 47th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adournment of the 43rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 162

There will be a meeting to discuss General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly), to be held on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (b) entitled "Emergency assistance to the Sudan" will be held on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Ukraine, on behalf of co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the recent developments in the Balkan region, to be held on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 42

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on agenda item 42 (The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina) will be held on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Mexico) invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development", to be held on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7, and on Thursday, 9 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, as well as on Friday, 10 December 1999, and on Monday, 13 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 24

The Permanent Mission of Greece invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin", to be held on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, at *11 a.m.* in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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A brief resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Camilo Reyes Rodríguez (Colombia), Chairman of the third session of the Preparatory Committee, for the purpose of taking a decision on the nomination for the presidency of the 2000 Review Conference, on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In view of the continuation of the work of the Second Committee, the meeting of the Economic and Social Council scheduled for Thursday, 9 December, has been postponed to Tuesday, 14 December. Accordingly, informal consultations by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), will be held on Friday, 10 December, and Monday, 13 December (conference room and time to be announced). The provisional agenda will be as follows:

1. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1999/288 and Add.1)

2. International cooperation in tax matters (E/1999/84)

3. Programme of work for the Committee on Development Policy (E/1999/33)

4. Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1999/121)

5. Strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council as the central mechanism for the coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies (Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations)

6. Election of five members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

   Election of two members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

7. Other matters

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 1.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 2000* on Friday, 10 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from *3 p.m. to 6 p.m in the Trusteeship Council Chamber*.

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There will a Donors' Conference for the Mine Action Programme in Croatia, organized by the Mine Action Service, Office of Planning of Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and the United Nations Development Programme, on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G on "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures" on Wednesday, 8 December 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

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Panel discussion

The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women will be opened for signature on Friday, 10 December 1999, at the United Nations Headquarters.

On the same day, a panel discussion on the Optional Protocol will take place at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will make an opening statement. Panellists will include: Ms. Aída González Martínez, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Ms. Aloisia Wörgetter, Chairperson of the Optional Protocol Working Group, The Honourable Sujata Manohar, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, Ms. Fauziya Kassindja, Equality Now, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Ms. Angela E.V. King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, will moderate the panel discussion.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend these events.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 3 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4077th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1242 (1999) (S/1999/1162 and Corr.1)

Letter dated 17 November 1999 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait (S/1999/1177)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1215, which had been submitted by the United States of America.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1215) before it.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of France and Malaysia.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1215) received 11 votes in favour, none against and 3 abstentions (China, Malaysia, and the Russian Federation), and was adopted as resolution 1280 (1999). One member (France) did not participate in the vote.

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, Canada, the Netherlands, China and Namibia.

The representatives of France and the Netherlands made further statements.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 46th meeting

Sectoral policy questions [98]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.27 and L.64

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.64.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.27 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the fourth United Nations Development Decade

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.20 and L.63

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.63.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.20 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 (c).

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

The Committee postponed action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.13 and A/C.2/54/L.66 to its next meeting.

Action on resolution 17/1 in the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its seventeenth session (5-14 May 1999)

The Committee had before it document A/54/8, which contained resolution 17/I.

A question was raised by the representative of Côte d'Ivoire.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), responded to the question raised.

The Committee then agreed to recommend to the General Assembly for adoption, resolution 17/I.

Environment and sustainable development [100]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.17 and L.67

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.67.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.17 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.8 and L.62

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.62.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.62, on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee, H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti).

The representative of Benin amended the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100 (e) and of agenda item 100 as a whole.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 41st meeting

The Committee observed a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of Mr. Adrien Teirlinck (Belgium), Chairman of the Fifth Committee during the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

The representative of Belgium made a statement.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.27

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.27 contained in document in A/C.5/54/32 and Corr.1.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee, which would be subsequently issued as an official document of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala, Canada, Brazil and the United States.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

The Chairman made a statement.

Following a discussion on a proposal made by the representative of Canada, the representative of Guatemala spoke on a point of procedure.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Mexico and Costa Rica.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly, that should it adopt draft resolution A/54/L.27, the requirements of $27,694,300 would be charged against the provision of $90,387,200 for special political missions requested in section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

The representative of Canada made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1 contained in document in A/C.5/54/34.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee, which would be subsequently issued as an official document of the United Nations.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to a question raised.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1 contained in document A/C.5/54/35.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee, which would be subsequently issued as an official document of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Egypt.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to a questions raised.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1 contained in document in A/C.5/54/31 and to the observations of the Committee on Conferences contained in document A/C.5/54/31/Add.1.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee, which would be subsequently issued as an official document of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Japan, the Bahamas, the United States, Kenya, South Africa, Zambia, the Sudan, Israel, Argentina, Ethiopia and Cuba.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made an additional statement.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to the programme of work for the week of 6-10 December 1999.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, the United Republic of Tanzania, Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Algeria, Kenya, the Philippines, Finland, Egypt, Kuwait, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire and Uganda.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Other matters

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services replied to questions raised at the 39th meeting of the Fifth Committee held on Friday, 19 November 1999.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Algeria, New Zealand and Cuba.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 3 DECEMBER 1999

56th meeting

Adoption of the report of the Committee [10]

The Committee considered and adopted its report to the Economic and Social Council.

The Committee thus concluded its twenty-first session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Accession: Syrian Arab Republic (30 November 1999)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Syrian Arab Republic (30 November 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Cameroun
H.E. Mr. Martin Belinga-Eboutou

Asian States:
Bangladesh
H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Vladimir Galuška

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Lucia
H.E. Mr. Julian Robert Hunte

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth

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